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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Stephan Prestel	: Group Art Unit 3731 : : :
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicant(s) in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a one-month extension of time to and including April 19, 2004 for responding to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003 (Paper No. 5). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (**Billing No.** 207535.0651) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
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